

# DESIGN OF SINGLE AND MULTILAYER INTERDIGITAL BAND PASS FILTER

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*And not forgetting to all friends*

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## ABSTRACT

Nowadays, there are many new telecommunication technologies developed such as *wireless LAN* and *Bluetooth* technology. Filters are essential to the operation of this technology. Interdigital filter is one of the available compact configurations. This thesis focuses on the design of two sets of interdigital band pass filter on single and multilayer structures at 2.45 GHz. Two designs have been proposed; asymmetrical and symmetrical interdigital band pass filters. They were designed using *Mathcad* mathematical software and electromagnetic simulations were done using Sonnet V9.52 simulator. The results showed that each filter operates well at the frequency of operation. Asymmetrical filters have excellent return losses of over -20 dB at the center frequency and minimized ripple from 0 to 2.79 dB. In contrast, symmetrical interdigital band pass filters have narrower bandwidth from 5.71% to 14.69% and very sharp roll off factor that can go up to 192.53 dB/GHz. Finally, the multilayer configuration showed that with the addition of dielectric substrates, the center frequency is shifted to 2 GHz and the bandwidth is broaden up to 50.6%.

## ABSTRAK

Kini, pelbagai teknologi baru telah diperkenalkan dalam bidang telekomunikasi seperti *LAN* tanpa wayar dan *Teknologi Bluetooth*. Penapis merupakan satu komponen penting dalam teknologi ini. Penapis interdigital mempunyai konfigurasi struktur yang padat dan menarik. Tesis ini membincangkan dua jenis penapis interdigital dengan struktur satu dan pelbagai lapisan pada frekuensi kendalian 2.45 GHz. Dua kaedah rekabentuk dibentangkan iaitu penapis interdigital lurus jalur simetri dan tidak simetri. Rekabentuk dilakukan menggunakan perisian matematik *Mathcad*, manakala simulasi elektromagnet dijalankan menggunakan perisian *Sonnet V9.52*. Keputusan simulasi menunjukkan bahawa penapis beroperasi dengan baik pada frekuensi kendalian. Tambahan pula, penapis interdigital lurus jalur tidak simetri menunjukkan sambutan kehilangan kembali yang baik iaitu melebihi -20 dB pada frekuensi pertengahan serta mempunyai riak yang lebih kecil iaitu antara 0 hingga 2.79dB. Sementara itu, penapis interdigital lurus jalur simetri pula mempunyai lebar jalur yang lebih sempit iaitu antara 5.71% hingga 14.69% dan kecerunan yang tajam sehingga 192.53 dB/GHz. Akhir sekali, penapis pelbagai lapisan menunjukkan bahawa pertambahan lapisan dielektrik menyebabkan anjakan frekuensi pertengahan kepada 2 GHz dan pertambahan lebar jalur sehingga 50.6%.

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

$f_0$	-	center frequency
$\epsilon_r$	-	dielectric constant
$h$	-	substrate thickness
$P_i$	-	incident power
$P_r$	-	reflected power
$P_L$	-	power pass to load
IL	-	insertion loss
RL	-	return loss
W	-	width of substrate
$t$	-	thickness of conducting strip
$\epsilon$	-	permittivity
$\mu$	-	permeability
$\epsilon_{re}$	-	effective dielectric constant
$Z_c$	-	characteristic impedances
$C_d$	-	capacitance per unit length with the dielectric substrate present
$C_a$	-	capacitance per unit length when the dielectric substrate is air
$\eta$	-	wave impedance in free space
$\lambda_g$	-	guided wavelenght
$\lambda_o$	-	free space wavelength
$\beta$	-	propogation constant
$v_p$	-	phase velocity
$\theta$	-	electrical length
$f_h$	-	high cut off frequency high



$f_l$	-	low cut off frequency
$Y_0$	-	load characteristic admittance
$C_p$	-	parallel plate capacitance
$C_f$	-	fringe capacitance
$J$	-	Inverter admittance
$Q_L$	-	quality factor
$k$	-	normalized coupling coefficient
$c$	-	halaju cahaya
$E$	-	medan elektrik
$L$	-	resonator lenght
$L_t$	-	physical length measured from the input or output resonator to tap point
$s$	-	spacing between resonator

**TABLE OF ABBREVIATIONS**

SAI	Single layer asymmetrical interdigital filter
SSI	Single layer symmetrical interdigital filter
MAI	Multilayer asymmetrical interdigital filter
MSI	Multilayer symmetrical interdigital filter
FBW	Fractional Bandwidth
LTCC	Low Temperature Co- fired Ceramic
RF	Radio frequency
MICs	Microwave integrated circuit
TEM	Tranverse Electromagnetic Mode
VSWR	Voltage Wave Standing Ratio
dB	Decibel

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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Introduction

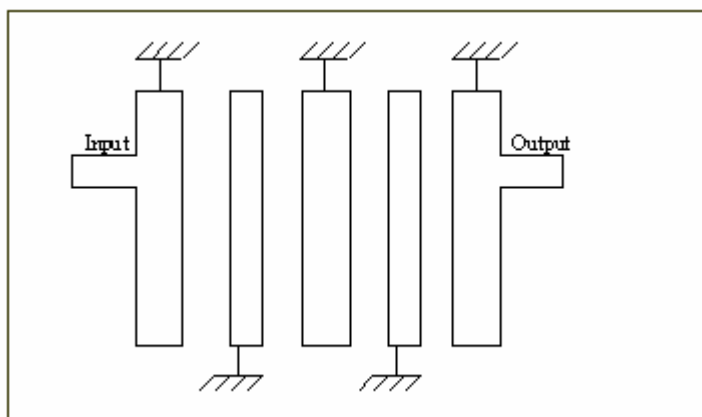
This chapter presents the objective, problem statement, research contribution, project scope and thesis organization.

### 1.2 Project Objective

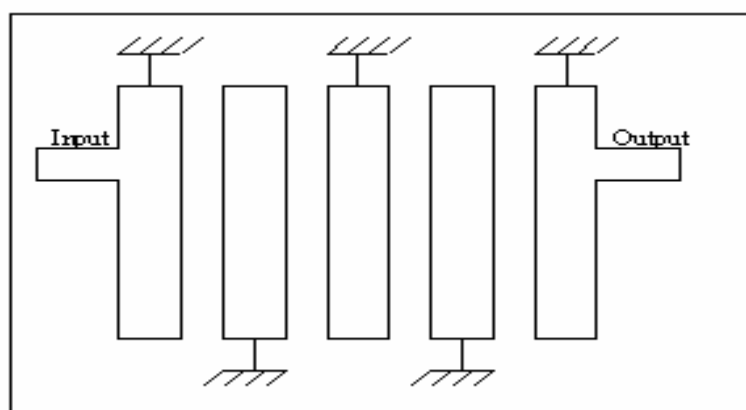
The objective of this project is to design asymmetrical and symmetrical chebyshev interdigital band pass filters at 2.45 GHz using *Mathcad* and *Sonnet* software's. These designed filters are of two configurations:

- (i) Single layer configuration
- (ii) Multilayer configuration.

The geometry of the filters is as shown in Figure 1.1.



(a)



(b)

Figure 1.1: Geometry of interdigital

(a) asymmetrical

(b) symmetrical

### 1.3 Problem Statements

Nowadays, many new technologies have been developed in electronics communication such as *Wireless Local Area Network (LAN)* and *Bluetooth* technology. Filters are essential in the system for excellent operation of this technology. Compact filter structures are available in demand for space-limited operations. Interdigital filter is one of the available compact configurations. There are many advantages using this structure. This project focuses on the performances of asymmetrical and symmetrical interdigital filter configuration on single layer and multilayer structures.

### 1.4 Research Contribution

The microstrip structure is chosen as the realization structure. This is because it has very simple geometry structures and widely used in practical. The mode of propagation in a microstrip is almost transverse electro magnetic (TEM). This allows an easy approximation analysis and yields wide band circuit. Furthermore, simple transition to coaxial circuit is feasible.

Some of the research contribution are state belows:

- i. Development of *Mathcad* file of the design of interdigital asymmetrical and symmetrical interdigital band pass filters.
- ii. Single layer and multilayer interdigital band pass filter configurations.

## 1.5 Project Scope

The project scope are as following:

- Literature review of interdigital band pass filter design and software's available.
- Design single layer asymmetrical and symmetrical interdigital band pass filters using *Mathcad* mathematical software.
- Simulation of the filters using *Sonnet* electromagnetic software.
- Analyze the performance of the designed filters and determine the optimum structures.
- Convert the optimum designed filter into respective multilayer configurations, simulate and analyze the performances.
- Thesis writing.

The specifications of the filters are as follows:

This project is to design a single and multilayer interdigital band pass filter at 2.45 GHz. The specification of the filter are shown below

- Center Frequency = 2.45 GHz
- Filter Response = Chebyshev response
- Band width = 0.3 GHz
- Pass band ripple = 0.2 dB
- Stop band attenuation = 30 dB

The board parameters are as follows:

- Dielectric constant = 9.6
- Substrates thickness = 1.27 mm
- Metal thickness = 35  $\mu\text{m}$

Furthermore, the desired specifications are suitable with Bluetooth application [1] that is

- i. Pass band in the frequency range of 2.45 GHz to 2.483 GHz.
- ii. Lower stop band frequency of 1.96 GHz and 2.1 GHz are highly attenuated, which can reduce the crosstalk from local image signal and local-oscillator signal.
- iii. Harmonic frequency in the range 4.8 GHz to 5 GHz, need to be reduced.

Chebyshev response is chosen because of its very sharp slope response and moderate complex mathematical formulations design.



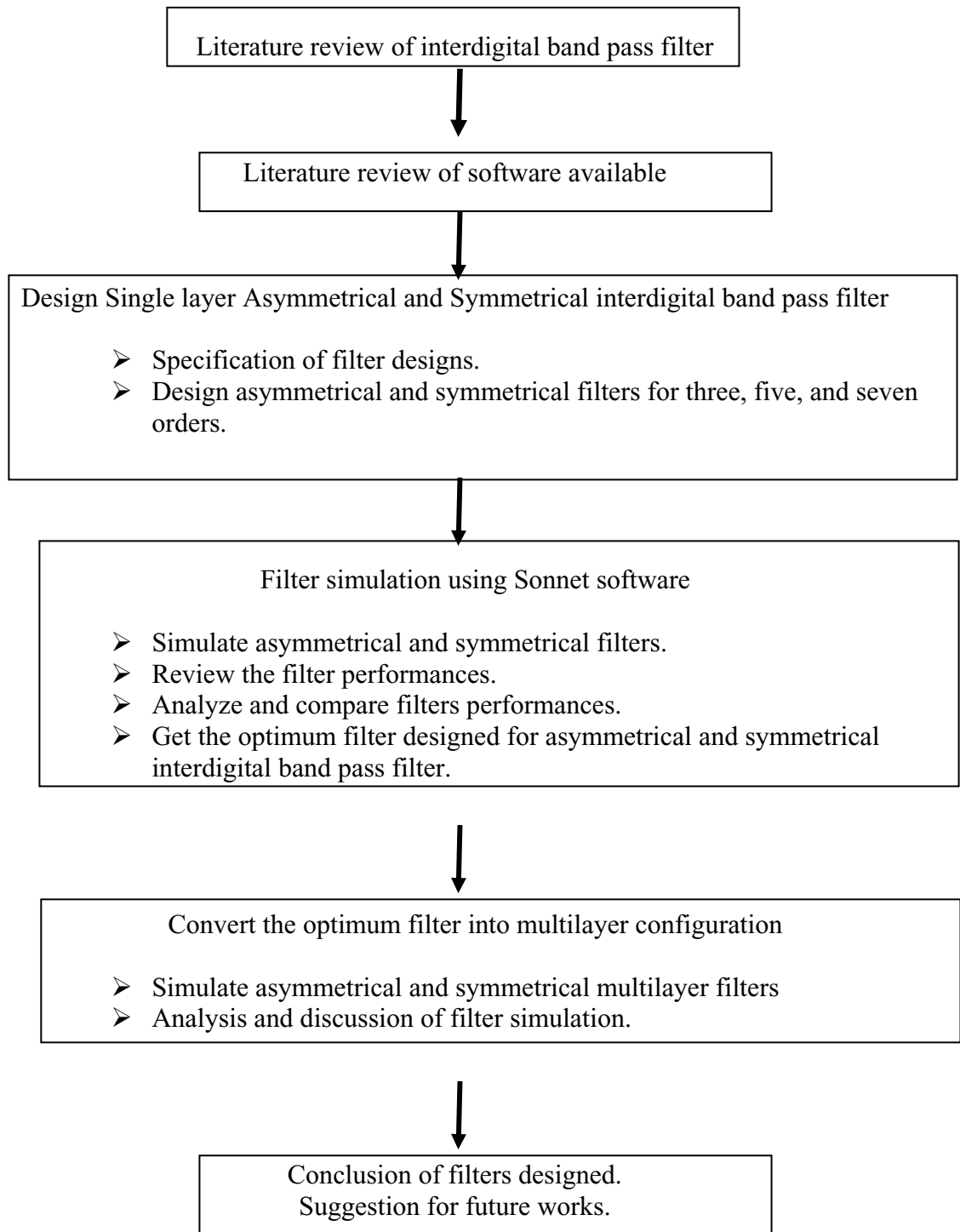


Figure 1.2 : Project Flow Chart

## 1.6 Thesis Organization

This thesis consist of six chapters. Chapter I present the objective, problem statements , research contribution, scopes of work, and thesis organisation.

Chapter II discusses the basic theory of interdigital band pass filters. This includes types of the filter, scattering paramaters and microstrip transmission line.

Chapter III presents the mathematical design procedure of interdigital band pass filters. This includes explanation of chebyshev response, parallel coupled design and formulations for the design. The optimum order of filter can be determined mathematically.

Chapter IV presents brief discussion of the software's used, i.e. *Mathcad* 2000 to solve mathematical equations while *Sonnet* V9.52 for electromagnetic simulation of the filters.

Chapter V presents all the theoretical and results of the filters. Discussions and comparasions of the filter performances are made, for the single and multilayer configurations.

Finally, chapter VI is conclude the thesis. Suggestion for further work are also given.

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